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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Office of Current Intelligence
21 February 1963

DAILY REPORT

SUBJECT: US Reconnaissance Activity over Cuba

1. Today's Schedule (21 February)

- a. Missions: BRASS KNOB 3435, off at 0520 EST;
BRASS KNOB 3436, off at 0533 EST;
BRASS KNOB 3438 scheduled off at
1104 EST;
BRASS KNOB 3439 scheduled off at
1244 EST.
- b. Purpose : 3435 will cover targets in eastern
Cuba;
3436 will cover targets in western
Cuba;
3438 will cover Havana area;
3439 will cover Havana area.
- c. Weather : Light to moderate cloud cover over
the western half of the island and
moderate to heavy cloud cover over
the eastern portion. Outlook for
tomorrow light to moderate increas-
ing to heavy cloud cover after 1300
EST over the entire island.
- d. IPIR due: 23 February 1963

2. Yesterday's Activity (20 February)

- a. Missions: BRASS KNOB 3434 over central and eastern
flown : Cuba. Pilot estimates 20% coverage of
scheduled targets.
BRASS KNOB 3437 over western Cuba. Pilot
estimates 60% coverage of scheduled
targets.
- b. IPIR due: 22 February 1963
- c. Reaction: No significant air defense reaction to
these BRASS KNOB missions was noted.

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3. Shipping Summary

**a. Soviet Bloc ships confirmed en route to Cuba
1600 EST 20 February:**

Tankers	5
Passenger	3
Dry Cargo	<u>12</u>
Total	20

**b. Soviet Bloc ships in Cuban ports 1600 EST
20 February:**

Tankers	2
Passenger	1
Dry Cargo	<u>33</u>
Total	36

**c. Dry cargo ships now in Cuban ports which were
photographed while inbound to Cuba by low-altitude or
surface cameras: 28**

d. CIA has received photos of 22 of these ships.

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During 13-19 February 1963

Targets	Dates							Totals	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Sorties	Days Covered
1. Siguaneya Cruise Missile Site							1	1	1
2. Banes Cruise Missile Site	1					1		2	2
3. Santa Cruz del Norte Cruise Site							1	1	1
4. Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield						1		1	1
5. Camaguey Airfield					1	1		2	2
6. Holguin Airfield						1		1	1
7. San Antonio de los Banos Airfield								0	0
8. Mariel Naval Base								0	0
9. Banes Naval Base	1					1	1	3	3
10. Cienfuegos Naval Base						1		1	1
11. Santiago de Cuba Port					1	1	1	3	3
12. La Isabella Port								0	0
13. Caibarien Port						1		1	1
14. Cardenas Port			1				1	2	2
15. Casilda Port			1		1	1		3	3
16. Matanzas Port							1	1	1
17. Havana Port							1	1	1
18. Guantanamo Area					1	1	1	3	3
19. Pinar del Rio Military Camp								0	0
20. Artemisa Military Camp								0	0
21. Holguin Military Camp						1	1	2	2
22. Remedios Military Camp								0	0
23. Santiago de los Vegas Military Camp								0	0
24. Lourdes (Torrens) Army Camp								0	0
25. Limonar Military Camp								0	0
26. Camaguey Military Camp		1	1		1	1		4	4
27. Mayari Arriba U/I						1	1	2	2
28. Managua Staging Area								0	0
29. Bejucal Staging Area								0	0
30. Manicaragua Staging Area						1		1	1

During the period 13-19 February 1962, 75 percent of the total land area of Cuba was covered by photography with 25 percent or less cloud cover. This included oblique photography up to 70 miles on either side of the flight line.

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